COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING March 26, 2026

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on March 26, 2026 at 6:06pm at the Oxycocus Elementary School.

CALL TO ORDER

The Stafford Township Board of Education is called to order in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act Law - 1975 Chapter 231 (P.L. 1975-231C). This meeting was advertised on TAPinto. Notice has been posted in the office of the Stafford Township Clerk, all school buildings and the district website.

ROLL CALL

Brian Fenlon	Member
Gregory Gioe	Member
Keith Mollema	Member
Matthew Regulski	Member (Absent)
Christopher Smith	Member
Bonnie Strouse	Member (Absent)
Joseph Washco	Member
Kevin Cooney	Vice President
Tammy Wagner	President

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Chidiac	Superintendent
Lourdes LaGuardia	Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary
Martin J. Buckley, Esq.	Board of Education Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

A. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

~ Budget Presentation

- The Budget Presentation was presented by Mr. Chidiac, superintendent and Mrs. LaGuardia, business administrator. The Board received budget documents and a $54,216,095 tentative operating budget was introduced. Noting new curriculum, busing, enrollment, capital projects, state aid, tax impact and other revenue sources. In addition, debt service impact reflecting 2024 Bond Referendum issuance.

B. CLOSED SESSION – Student Matters, Specifically HIB Related and Personnel Matters

Whereas Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

Whereas, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Stafford Township Board of Education, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action of the hereinafter specified subject matters.

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Student Matters, Specifically HIB Related and Personnel Matters

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matters shall be made public at such time as the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exists.

A motion was made by Mr. Washco and seconded by Mr. Gioe to move on the above Resolution. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (7-0); motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Washco and seconded by Mr. Mollema to exit closed session. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (7-0); motion passed.

TIME IN: 6:07pm
TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 6:19pm

C. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

D. PERSONNEL/POLICY – NO REPORT

Chairperson Tammy Wagner – Update (Policy Only)

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM – NO REPORT

Chairperson Matthew Regulski – Update

F. FINANCE/BUILDING & GROUNDS – NO REPORT

Chairperson Joseph Washco – Update

G. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Matters

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Personnel Matters

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matters shall be made public at such time as the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exists.

A motion was made by Mr. Mollema and seconded by Mr. Washco to move on the above Resolution. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (5-0); motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Mollema and seconded by Mr. Washco to exit closed session. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (5-0); motion passed.

TIME IN: 6:32pm
TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 6:59pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Mollema and seconded by Mr. Washco to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (7-0); motion passed.

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Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

LL/km/4-23-2026